

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1 – 12 (Cancelled)

13. (New) A jigsaw comprising:

a housing;

a motor in said housing;

a reciprocating working member coupled with said motor, said reciprocating working member executing reciprocating motion relative to said housing, said reciprocating working member including a cutting blade;

said jigsaw has a mode in which the reciprocating working member rotates relative to said housing about an axis substantially parallel to the direction of reciprocating motion of the working member;

a support apparatus for supporting said reciprocating working member, said support apparatus including a support engaging the cutting blade to provide a reaction force to said cutting blade along a line of action of the tool and said reaction force being substantially in line with the line of action;

a mount rigidly mounted with said housing, and said mount including a bearing bushing rigidly connected to said support for mounting the apparatus with the working member to enable said support to remain in engagement with the working

member during rotation thereof relative to the body about said axis, said support and mount positioned outside of the jigsaw housing.

14. (New) A jigsaw comprising:

a housing;

a motor in said housing;

a reciprocating working member coupled with said motor, said reciprocating working member executing reciprocating motion relative to said housing, said reciprocating working member including a cutting blade;

said jigsaw has a mode in which the reciprocating working member executes pivoting reciprocating motion relative to said housing about an axis transverse to the direction of reciprocating motion of the working member;

a support apparatus for supporting said reciprocating working member, said support apparatus including a support engaging the cutting blade to provide a reaction force to said cutting blade along a line of action of the tool and said reaction force being substantially in line with the line of action;

a mount rigidly mounted with said housing, and said mount including a bearing bushing rigidly connected to said support for mounting the apparatus with the working member to enable said support to remain in engagement with the working member during pivoting reciprocating motion thereof relative to the body of said axis, said support and mount positioned outside of the jigsaw housing.

15. (New) A jigsaw comprising:

a housing;

a motor in said housing;

a working member including a blade which is reciprocated relative to said housing, said jigsaw having a first operating mode in which said working member can be rotated relative to said housing about a first axis substantially parallel to the direction of reciprocating motion of the working member, and said jigsaw having a second operating mode in which said working member can execute pivoting reciprocating motion relative to said housing about a second axis which is transverse to the direction of reciprocating motion of the working member;

a support engaging the blade to provide a reaction force to said blade along a line of action of the jigsaw and said reaction force being substantially in line with the line of action;

a mount rigidly mounted with said housing, and said mount including a bearing bushing rigidly connected to said support for mounting the support with the working member to enable said support to remain in engagement with the working member during both said first and second operating modes, said support and mount outside of said jigsaw housing.

16. (New) The jigsaw as recited in claim 15, wherein said support prevents movement of said working member in a direction transverse to a line of action of the working member.

17. (New) The jigsaw as recited in claim 16, wherein said support engages the working member on both sides thereof in a direction transverse to a line of action of the working member.

18. (New) The jigsaw as recited in claim 15, wherein said support comprises at least one roller.

19. (New) The jigsaw as recited in claim 15, wherein said mount comprises a first part rigidly connected to said support, and a second part adapted to be connected to said working member and to undergo reciprocating movement relative to said first part.

20. (New) The jigsaw as recited in claim 19, wherein said first part further comprises an elongate aperture, and said second part further comprises an elongate bearing such that said elongate aperture slidably receives said bearing therein.

21. (New) The jigsaw as recited in claim 15 further comprising:  
said motor having a rotary output shaft; and  
first drive means for converting rotary movement of said output shaft to reciprocating movement of said working member.

22. (New) The jigsaw as recited in claim 21, further comprising second drive means for converting rotary movement of said output shaft to pivoting reciprocating movement of said support about said second axis in said second operating mode.

23. (New) The jigsaw as recited in claim 22, wherein said second drive means comprises cam means for pivotally displacing said support from a first position relative to said tool body.

24. (New) The jigsaw as recited in claim 23, wherein said second drive means further comprises biasing means for pivotally urging said support into said first position relative to said jigsaw housing.